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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371

ATTN: BOX PCT  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the enclosed Notification of Missing Requirements dated March 21, 2001, with the time for reply having been extended for one month from April 21, 2001 to May 21, 2001, applicant is submitting the Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney and a check for \$130.00 for the late fee.

Also attached hereto is an executed ASSIGNMENT, along with the required cover sheet, with authorization to charge the \$40.00 to the undersigned attorneys' deposit account.

Any fee deficiencies may be charged to deposit account 03-2468.

Applicant Claims Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 19836559.4 filed August 12, 1998.

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Enclosures: Form PCT/DO/EO/905, Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney, check for \$130.00, Assignment with cover sheet, Petition for One-Month Extension and a check for \$110.00

EXPRESS MAIL NO. EL 769 391 203 US Date of Deposit: May 18, 2001

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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